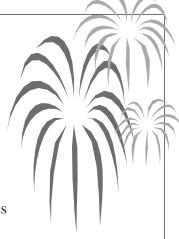# Leave the Fireworks to the Professionals

Enjoy the many supervised professional displays!

All across the state there are many professional fireworks displays supervised by local fire departments. Unfortunately, too many children and adult amateurs continue to set off fireworks that start fires, and cause serious injuries to themselves and others.

Fireworks can be deadly!

On May 20, 1997 a 26-year old man from Watertown was killed while he was lighting fireworks in a hallway. A 27-year old Framingham man was killed July 4, 1993, when his backyard fireworks exploded in his face. On July 4, 1992, fireworks fatally injured a 30-year old man on a Fairhaven beach.

All fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts.

The possession and use of all fireworks by private citizens is illegal in Massachusetts. This includes Class C fireworks which are sometimes falsely called "safe and sane" such as sparklers, party poppers, snappers, firecrackers, spinners and cherry bombs, to name a few. Sparklers burn at 1800°F.

It is illegal to purchase fireworks in another state, such as New Hampshire, and to transport them into Massachusetts. Illegal fireworks can be confiscated on the spot.

Do not purchase fireworks through mail-order catalogues.

The distribution of mail-order catalogues that clearly state that fireworks are illegal in some jurisdictions cannot be prohibited. State and local police regularly confiscate illegal shipments of fireworks. Many unhappy consumers have lost both their money and the fireworks trying to circumvent the law.

Set a good example for your children.
Children imitate what they see adults do.

If you use them, children will not realize how dangerous fireworks are for them, and imitate you. Over half of the fireworks-related burn injuries reported to the Office of the State Fire Marshal by hospitals were children under age 18.